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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to his undersigned representative during a telephone conference on April 17, 2006. The subject of that conversation was the Examiner's consideration of the citations in two IDS's submitted April 15, 2005 and January 25, 2006, respectively. With respect to the April 15, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement the Examiner stated in the interview that he did consider at least the English Abstract that accompanied Japanese patent document 02-193566. He indicated that the purpose of striking the Abstract and putting an "X" in the No box in the

form 1449 was because there was no complete translation submitted. However, the

English translation of the Abstract was submitted.

With respect to the form 1449 accompanying the IDS of January 25, 2006, the

Examiner did state in the interview that he considered at least the English translation of

the text of Japanese patent document 2000-166220 that was included in the IDS

submission, even though the form 1449 had a line stricken through the entirety of "Ref.

Desig. 1." Although Figures 1-9 of the Japanese language reference were apparently

missing, he further indicated that he would have requested these figures if he felt that

the citation was very pertinent. He also stated that he does not consider the text of

Office Actions from foreign patent offices to be pertinent.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this matter, he is requested to call

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the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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